



The 4-H Connection



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Akins celebrates 40 years as 4-H volunteer

More than 85 people attended Powhatan's 4-H Achievement Night in November. There was much to celebrate in 4-H after a very busy club year. Catherine Akins (top photo) was recognized for volunteering her time throughout the past 40 years to the Powhatan 4-H program. She was given a plaque to remember the big moment. Catherine is currently the club leader of Foal'N Around 4-H Club.

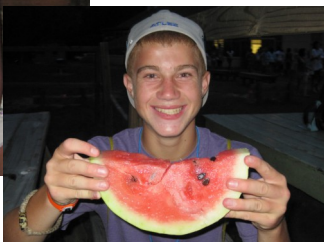
Outstanding 4-H members for 2011 recognized for their exceptional efforts in 4-H and community service throughout the past year included: Lexie Akins, Madison Bonner, Ashdin Clayton, Daija Goode, Sophie Kidd, Kelly Knabe, Alex Oliver, Caitlin Reamy, Rachel Wooten and Kayley Thompson. Rachel (bottom photo, left) was recognized as the Outstanding 4-H Member among intermediates, while Kayley Thompson received the Outstanding 4-H Member award as a senior member. Rachel is a member of the Powhatan 4-H Shooting Club and Kayley is a member of the Foal'N Around 4-H Club. All active 4-H members received participation certificates for the 2011 4-H year which started in October 2010. Character Counts awards were given to individual club members who represent one of the 4-H pillars of character: respect, caring, fairness, responsibility, trustworthiness, citizenship and honesty.



Thanks for the photos by Mark Rash of Rash Photography!



Ages 9-13



Mark your calendar for 2012 Junior 4-H Camp!

July 2-6, 2012

- ~Brochures available in February
- ~Ask about 4-H camp scholarships
- ~Seeking MALE teen counselors!



Contact the Powhatan Extension Office for details!

Powhatan County Fair 2011

Winners in the Showmanship portion of the 4-H Poultry Show:

Gabby Moore, 1st place

Emily Nicely, 2nd place

Calie Rehme, 3rd place



Judge Tom Roebuck of Orange, VA



4-H members and their pooches shine during the Dog Show:

- Best Costume: 1st place - Lucy
- Best Trick: 1st place - Bandit
- Most Colors: 1st place - Bandit
- Looks Like Owner: 1st place - Joey
- Shortest: 1st place - Amelia
- Shortest Tail: 1st place - Joey
- Longest Tail: 1st place - Bandit
- Smallest Paw: 1st place - Joey
- Ugliest: Amelia
- Cutest: Apple Cider



Taylor and Jackie showcase their ribbons and four-legged friends!

Powhatan 4-H Outdoors Club members Janessa and Kelly (below) are all smiles!



Powhatan 4-H Outdoors Club members took several wins during the statewide Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) in the spring. Junior Novice team members Nathan Doran, Ben McCreight, Tim McCreight and Kelly Shelton earned first place overall. The Junior Advanced team of Connor Bowman, Janessa McCreight, Ryan Moyer and Alex Oliver took second place overall. *Congratulations!!*

Next Competition: April 28, 2012

Local 4-H club picks up trash

Powhatan Mustangs 4-H Club members participated in the Trash-4-Cash program in April. The selected groups were assigned three miles of roadway to pick up trash in exchange for a check made out to their favorite nonprofit. The Mustangs collected 18 bags of trash along Judes Ferry Road. They plan to use the money to assist with costs associated with the State 4-H Horse Show. The clean-up program is sponsored by the Powhatan Anti-Litter Council.



Crazy 4 Critters members volunteered their time to work with alpacas during a fall open house at a local farm.



Cupcake Creations 4-H Afterschool Workshop Feb 21-22 (grades 5-8)

Pre-registration required (through Powhatan VCE Office in mid-Jan)
\$10/person; *scholarships available*

Powhatan 4-H members compete at State 4-H Horse Show

Powhatan youth rankings:

Elizabeth Akins: 4th- Jr. Dressage Equitation; 9th- Jr. Dressage Showmanship; 10th- Junior Training Level T1

Daija Goode: 7th-Sm/Med HP Pony, Jr

Kayla Kersey: 10th-Small HP Horse, Sr (16-19)

Sophie Kidd: 3rd-Junior Training Level T2



Savannah Lewis: 6th -Sr. Hunter Showmanship.2; 10th- Hunter Equitation On the Flat, Large Horse, Sr. (16-19)

Jessica Matthews: 1st- Equitation O/F 3', Horse, Sr. (16-19); 1st- Regular Working Hunter 3'3"; 2nd- Regular Working Hunter 3'3"; 5th-Sr. Hunter Showmanship.2; 7th-Hunt Seat Equitation Horse Classic ; 9th- Regular Working Hunter Horse U/S

Caitlin Reamy: 2nd-Equitation O/F 2' Med/Small Pony, Jr.; 3rd- Med (2'3")/Sm (2'), Course B; 7th- Small/Medium Pony, U/S

Devon Schutt: 1st-Senior Training Level T3; 2nd-Senior Training Level T2; 10th-Sr. Dressage Equitation

Kayley Thompson: 7th-Senior Training Level T3; 8th-Art Contest, senior division

4-H Calendar

January 2012

~4-H Natural Resources Weekend: January 28-29; ages 9-19 at Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Deadline to register: Jan 13, 2012

February 2012

~4-H Day at the Capitol: Feb 7

~Powhatan/Goochland 4-H Hippology Contest: Feb 13, 6:30pm at Powhatan High School—equine test of knowledge

~Cupcake Creations Afterschool Program: Feb 21-22, 3:15pm
Ages: 5th-8th grades; preregistration required; at Powhatan VB

March 2012

~Powhatan-Goochland County Contest/4-H Presentations:

March 15; in Goochland Parks & Rec Dept

~Powhatan-Goochland County Contest/4-H Share the Fun:

March 22; at Powhatan Village Building; Register by March 9

~District 4-H Contest: March 31

April 2012

~Statewide WHEP Competition: April 28

May 2012

~Powhatan Farmers Market—first of season: 4-7pm

~DGIF Hunter's Education Championship: May 5-6

~Powhatan County Fair: May 17-20 (4-H Day is May 19)

June 2011

~4-H Congress: June 25-28 Teens 14-18 at VA Tech

July 2011

~4-H Junior Camp: July 2-6 at Jamestown 4-H Center

Upcoming 4-H Equine Events:

[Powhatan/Goochland 4-H Hippology:](#)

Monday, February 13, 2012 (at Powhatan PHS)

[Central District 4-H Horse Bowl:](#)

Saturday, March 10, 2012 (Phenix, VA)

[2012 4-H Equi-Smartz weekend:](#)

March 30-April 1 (Lexington at the Horse Center)

4-H'ers spotted at the annual Christmas Parade



4-H Club Reports

Foal'n Around:

We are still a busy club, but the heat slowed us down some this summer. Our Relay for Life team met their goal and fun was had by all as we spent the evening walking the tracks. We sponsored two qualifying clinics, first was a dressage clinic, given by Catherine Sutton, and the other was a Hunter and Western Pleasure clinic, given by Sue Ambrose. The club continues to do the concession stand at the Summer Hill Summer Series every other Tuesday night. Our club traveled to the home of Doug Minton, who gave us a wonderful demonstration on reining horses. Three of our members, Caitlin Reamy, Daija Goode and Allie O'Sinski, represented our club at the Airfield 4-H Horse Camp in Wakefield, and Lexie Akins spent a fun filled week with a Mathews County 4-H club at the Jamestown 4-H Camp. In June, club members went to the new horse rescue barn in Powhatan—several of our members go weekly to help feed and do barn chores. Our club held our end of the school year meeting at the home of Kayley Thompson, where swimming, boating, and a cookout preceded our monthly meeting.

Foal'n Around 4-H club was represented at the State 4-H Horse Show by six riders, all who did their personal best in every way! Tyler Rash, riding Just Sam; Kayley Thompson, riding Dand; Caitlin Reamy, riding her pony, Meteor Hill Maiden Virginia; Daija Goode, riding Daija Vous; Sophie Kidd, riding Meteor Hill Candlewick; and Lexie Akins, riding Meteor Hill's Murphy's Law. "Teamwork was wonderful, it was not unusual to see members helping each other clean their stalls, or carry water for each other," said Catherine Akins, the club's leader. "We have a wonderful group of children and young adults, and they work so well together. They are what 4-H is all about!"

Want more 4-H info?

Check us on Facebook or
Check out our unit website:

<http://offices.ext.vt.edu/powhatan/>



Powhatan 4-H Shooting Club:



26 members of Powhatan 4-H Shooting Club competed at the 2011 State 4-H Shoot in September. Following is a list of youth placing in the top three of each division: Muzzle loading rifle, senior team - first for in-line, traditional competitions. Traditional team—Kelsey Kivikko, Jordan Hodge, Dana Thomas; in-line team—Josh Fagan, Donnie Brown, Austin Braswell. Rachel Schaapman - first in junior individual in-line competition; Donnie Brown- first in senior individual in-line portion. Seniors Anthony Schaapman and Josh Fagan—second, third individuals.

Senior team (Anthony Schaapman, Donnie Brown and Josh Fagan) - archery competition—first place overall win. Anthony—first place senior individual, Josh took second. Junior team (Rachel Wooten, Rachel Schaapman and Amy Adcock) - second place overall in archery.

Air pistol silhouette—Amy Adcock, second jr; Alex Oliver, third place jr. Small bore rifle silhouette, senior team (Kelsey Kivikko, Justin Hoffman and Anthony Schaapman)—first place. Junior team (Amy Adcock, Emma Hodge and T.J. Gillespie)—third place. Kelsey Kivikko—third, senior individual. Small bore 3-position scope competition, senior team (Josh Woodruff, Kelsey Kivikko and Anthony Scaapman)—first place medal. Individual seniors Josh Woodruff, Kelsey Kivikko—second, third. Emma Hodge—third jr. Powhatan junior team (Emma Hodge, Rachel Wood, Rachel Schaapman)—first in sporter scope event.

Shot gun, or skeet, jr team (Rachel Schaapman, Emma Hodge, Alex Oliver) - second place overall skeet. Sr team (Anthony Schaapman, Austin Braswell, Hunter Rowe)—second; Schaapman third sr individual.

Happy Holidays!

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